2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.

3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.

5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.

6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

9. Urban Poverty Ratio of Rajasthan may be treated as tentative.

Sale of Stocks of Foodgrains in Uttaranchal

†*354. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government godowns in the border districts of Uttaranchal are stuffed with foodgrains since long;

(b) whether these foodgrains are about to get rotten due to higher Government issue prices in comparision to open market prices of wheat and rice;

(c) whether Government have decided to dispose off these stored commodities or sell at cheap or half or one third prices as same are not consumable now; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (d) 3,19,210 tonnes of foodgrains were available with the FCI in Uttaranchal as on 1.7.2001.

According to information received from the Government of Uttaranchal, with the increase in the Central Issue Prices for APL category, there has been little demand for foodgrains for the said category since 1999-2000. The quality of 502.138 tonnes of wheat, 16.75 tonnes of atta and 460.95 tonnes of rice has deteriorated rendering these stock unfit for distribution under the PDS. The State Government is taking action to dispose of these stocks by auction.

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